

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 26 and ADD new claim 27 in accordance with the following.

1-12 (CANCELLED)

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display including a liquid crystal display panel and a surface light source device of side light type for backlighting of the liquid crystal display panel, said surface light source device comprising:

a first guide plate;

a first primary light source disposed beside the first guide plate;

a second guide plate;

a second primary light source disposed beside the second guide plate; and

a driving circuit to drive the first primary light source and the second primary light source, said first guide plate having two major faces to provide a first emission face and a first back face and having a minor face to provide a first incidence end face;

said second guide plate having two major faces to provide a second emission face and a second back face and having a minor face to provide a second incidence end face;

said first guide plate and said second guide plate being laminatedly arranged so that said second back face extends along said first emission face; and

said first incidence end face and said second incidence end face being located opposite to each other across said laminatedly arranged guide plates, wherein

a prismatic light control member provided with a great number of pairs of first and second slopes to control directivity of output illumination light is disposed along said second emission face so that said first slopes mainly receive light from said first primary light source and said second slopes mainly receive light from said second primary light source.

14. (ORIGINAL) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 13, wherein said driving circuit is capable of turning off only one in said first and second primary light sources.

15. (ORIGINAL) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 13, wherein said first and second guide plates have wedge- shaped cross sections so that said first and second incidence end faces are located at thicker ends of the cross sections, respectively.

16. (ORIGINAL) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 14, wherein said

first and second guide plates have wedge-shaped cross sections so that said first and second incidence end faces are located at thicker ends of the cross sections, respectively.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 13, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 14, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 15, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 16, wherein said first back face is provided with a great number of projection rows running approximately at right angles with respect to said first incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of slopes.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 13, wherein the slopes of the light control member provide inner reflection surfaces to modify a directivity of illumination output light so that illumination output light originated from any one of said first and second primary light sources is directed to a frontal direction with respect to said second emission face.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 21, wherein said light control member has an inner face provided with a great number of projection rows running approximately parallel with respect to said second incidence end face, each of said projection rows including a pair of the first and second slopes.

23-24. (CANCELLED)

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel;
a prismatic light control member comprising a plurality of first and second slopes; and
a first light source to backlight the liquid crystal display panel, said first light source,
comprising:
a first guide plate,
a second light source next to the first guide plate,
a second guide plate laminated to said first guide plate,
a third light source next to the second guide plate, and
a driving circuit to drive the second light source and the third light source,
said first guide plate having a first emission face, a first back face and a first incidence
end face,
said second guide plate having a second emission face, a second back face extending
along said first emission face and a second incidence end face,
said first incidence end face and said second incidence end face being opposite to each
other across said first and second guide plates,
said light control member being disposed along said second emission face to control a
directivity of output light so that said first slopes receive light from the first light source and the
second slopes to receive light from the second light source.

26. (CANCELLED)

27. (NEW) A liquid crystal display in accordance with claim 13, wherein said first
slopes are next to said second primary light source and directly receive said light from said first
primary light source, and said second slopes are next to said first primary light source and
directly receive said light from said second primary light source.